

## **AMERICAN RED CROSS ANNOUNCES FAMILY LINKS REGISTRY**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The American Red Cross has created and launched the Family Links Registry, which will aid individuals who are seeking loved ones and family members in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. The Family Links Registry can be accessed by visiting [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) or by calling: 1-877-LOVED-1S (1-877-568-3317) to register.

Evacuees wishing to inform loved ones of their location can register their name by clicking on "Family Links Registry" on [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) or by calling 1 877-LOVED-1S. Concerned friends and family can register the names of their loved ones and view the list of those already posted. Due to the extent of the damage and the number of people displaced, concerned friends and family members are encouraged to visit the site daily to consult the list, as it will be updated continuously.

The American Red Cross, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and governmental and non-profit agencies are part of a monumental response to this disaster. As a team, they are working to alleviate the anxiety of those searching for news of their loved ones.

FEMA prepares the nation for all hazards and manages federal response and recovery efforts following any national incident. FEMA also initiates mitigation activities, trains first responders, works with state and local emergency managers, and manages the National Flood Insurance Program and the U.S. Fire Administration. FEMA became part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security on March 1, 2003.